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A Thought for Today

John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.—St John 3:27.

Heaven will be inherited by every man who has heaven in his soul.—Henry Ward Beecher.

We're Well Warned

State authorities are regarding seriously the warning issued from Washington recently with regard to the spread of the Dutch elm disease in our state. It is prevalent in New York and New Jersey now. Those parts of New York adjacent to Connecticut, such as Westchester County and Long Island, have reported many true cases of the tree disease in the last year. It is by far better to take any precautions possible to prevent its rapid spread through Connecticut.

The state is particularly rich in the number and the size of its elm trees. Both New Haven and Waterbury have many fine and beautiful specimens whose ages are well beyond the half century mark. To lose them in any way is a catastrophe. But to stand by and to permit a tree disease to affect them and cause their complete destruction would be certainly ridiculous. Inasmuch as there is not known as yet any cure for the disease it is by far the sound policy to make a complete check of the state's elms to remove those found diseased and to prevent further spread.

Starting from New Haven and Stamford groups will make a systematic survey of the entire state for traces of the Dutch elm disease. Trees that are believed to be afflicted will be tested at laboratories in New Haven. Naturally the most intensive check-up will occur in Fairfield county where traces would naturally be found due to the proximity of the New York regions where it is now prevalent. Any traces already found (and there have been 36 trees positively identified as possessed of the Dutch elm disease) have occurred in Fairfield county towns. We sincerely trust a good thorough survey will prevent any further spread of the disease and the possible extermination of our elm trees, as were our chestnuts some years ago.

Down But Not Out

The withdrawal of Dr. Edward G. Dolan of Manchester from the contest for the democratic senatorial nomination, coupled with his announced intention of not attending the state convention next month nor seeking reelection to the state central committee, might well seem to indicate his complete severance of all political ties. We don't believe that the energetic politician-dentist is giving up the fight without a struggle. It's just a case of temporary estrangement. We can expect to hear more from Dr Dolan in the days to come.

His presence at the coming convention will be missed. He enlivened many of them in the past, especially so when he engaged in that delightful task of overthrowing those democratic leaders who cared not so much that the democrats won, but that their own personal desires were gratified. It was in espousing the democratic party as a whole that Dr Dolan came into his own. It was particularly unfortunate that when he did come into power he did not have behind him or could not persuade to fall in behind him a united democracy. Had he been able to do this he could have become the greatest political figure in the democratic ranks in this state.

The placing of his name in the race for the senatorial nomination was not of his own asking, we feel sure. It was more or less a determined effort on the part of his many friends to win back for him the honors he lost when his internal revenue post was denied by lack of senatorial confirmation. But we don't believe that his services of 1932 will go unrewarded. In due course of time the Manchester man can be expected to come forward once more as an administration official in some capacity. His retirement now from the scenes will doubtless stand him in good stead in the long run rather than permit him to fade into obscurity.

Home Roots Deep Set

Federal officials who think it will be an easy matter to transfer families from drouth-stricken areas to greener fields in other parts of the country might ponder briefly over the British government's experience in connection with the inhabitants of the island of Tristan da Cunha. This is a desolate and lonely spot of land in the south Atlantic. It has about 100 inhabitants. The soil is so poor that they can grow nothing but potatoes. These, and the fish they catch, are their only resources. Once a year a British warship sails in and leaves a supply of canned goods.

Conditions are so bad that the British government for years has been trying to

persuade the settlers to leave the island and take up homesteads in South Africa. But the settlers won't do it. Absolute starvation may strike them, any year; even when it doesn't, they are condemned to a lonely and poverty-stricken existence. But they're sticking, nevertheless. Persuading people to leave their homes and make a fresh start elsewhere can be an exceedingly difficult job.

A Few Lucky Farmers

Devastating as the effects of the drouth have been, they will at least mean good fortune to a few — to those farmers who do not happen to occupy land in the sections where the destruction has been worst. Consider the case of the farmer who raises corn, for instance.

The national corn crop this year is expected to total around 1,570,000,000 bushels — a tremendous drop from the 2,343,000,000 bushels of last year. As the yield has dropped, the price has gone up. Last year farmers sold their corn for approximately 47 cents a bushel. The price right now is 81 cents. The farmer whose fields were missed by the drouth, and who raised a corn crop of normal proportions, is going to cash in handsomely.

In political circles J. Henry Roraback, Connecticut national committeeman, is regarded as the outstanding leader in republican ranks. A press dispatch speaking of this particular type of generalissimo says, "The successful boss is never a political accident, never a half-wit, or a stuffed shirt. He must have what it takes to exercise mastery over men. He usually must have, too, as Vane had, a kindly, considerate heart. He must have the will and resourcefulness to look out for his people. . . ." It is no surprise to see J. Henry ranked among the politically mighty bosses. He deserves such a status. His rule over Connecticut politics was so long and continuous that it is even felt in these days when g.o.p. domains have been invaded by the democrats.

If somebody is looking for a nice summer home in Maine to buy Uncle Sam is in the market right now with nine attractive bargains. If you care for lighthouses, you'll be well satisfied. The bargains are nine lighthouses that are being abandoned. They are located either on islands or small reservations. There are accompanying dwellings and other structures with all of them. The smallest reservation is 1 1/2 acres, the largest 7 1/4. You've got to show cash to buy them. Here's your golden opportunity.

If you own a machine gun after next month, you'll have to register it with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. That's Uncle Sam's latest dictate in his war on possession of dangerous weapons. It's a sensible one, too. It is too apparent that guns are in the hands of too many potential criminals today. And mere possession often leads to more serious crimes than this one.

It was sad news to the American theater to read of the death of beloved Augustus Thomas. The aged playwright was long a familiar figure in the theatrical world. His works were many and for the most part inclined toward the historical. "Arizona," written in 1900, definitely raised him to the top notch in the show world. He remained there to the end.

"When doors begin to twist or warp, look at the top and bottom edges," says E. L. Gilbert, eastern editor of the American Builder. "Paint, varnish, enamel, or other protective coating should be applied to keep moisture out. If this is done in the beginning, doors are less liable to cause trouble later on."

Familiar phenomenon — conservative and thrifty citizen fumbling over a key-ring with a dozen keys, only two of which he recognizes.

The only trouble with a "processing tax" is that somebody has to pay it. Same with every other tax scheme.

So They Say

Women wear shorts for other sports, so there's no reason they should be bundled up like Eskimos for golf.
—Mrs Tom Hanes, president Til water Women's Golf Association.

Huey Long can't win—and he can't "take it."
—Mayor T. Semmes Walmesley, New Orleans.

I believe there never has been any other period in American history when American banking was on a firmer foundation than it is now.
—J. P. O'Connor, controller of currency.

Five bucks is nothing during these times. I wouldn't take less than \$500.
—Chicago bandit, walking away in disgust from Sam Ginsburg, victim with \$5.

Under the New Deal you pay taxes you did not authorize, for purposes you have not approved.
—Representative Louis T. McFadden, Pennsylvania.

Selected Poem

CHANT IN TAXI-METER

(Arthur Guiterman in The New York Times)

My merry taxi-driver, wherever he is bound,
Rejoices in the presence of a little taxi-hound.
It matters not how early or how late he may be up,
Beside him, on a cushion, sits the little taxi-pup.
His reckless taxi-dashes through the tempest or the fog
Are brightened by the friendship of the little taxi-dog.
And just because the canine is the comrade of our trip,
The merry taxi-driver gets an extra taxi-tip.

DAILY ALMANAC

High tide at Milford Friday, August 17, 4:15 p. m.; daylight time; low tide, 10:43 p. m., daylight time.

All vehicles must be lighted not later than 8:20, daylight time, tonight.

Run rise, 6:01 a. m., daylight time; set, 7:50 p. m., daylight time.
Moon sets, 10:32 p. m., daylight time.

The NRA May Yet Have Teeth In It



Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round

BY DREW PEARSON AND ROBERT S. ALLEN

Authors of "Washington Merry-Go-Round" and "More Merry-Go-Round"

T. V. A. Aids Mountain Individualists, But Shies Off "Laboratory" Talk; Government's Biggest Job Is Social Reconstruction of Hill Settlers; Problem Is to create Self-Supporting, Electricity-Consuming People; Local Opposition Dwindles, But Natives Still Call It "Fancy Notions".

Norris, Tenn., Aug. 16.—The lean, taciturn folk of the Tennessee Valley don't like being called a "Laboratory". They want to be let alone.

This is the country where an early rugged individualist carved these words on a tree: "D. Boone—Killed a Bear." But the cards are stacked against them and there's nothing to do but submit to courses in Debut and Parliamentary Law.

The strange thing is that there is little opposition. In a crossroads store in that part of the valley which next year will be under sixty feet of backed-up water from Norris Dam, the storekeeper drawled:

"The TVA ain't stirred up much trouble here. We've got to move out, but they ain't more'n a small majority of two or three in this town what's agin' it."

The reason for acquiescence is two-fold.

1. TVA talks with money, both in buying properties in the reservoir areas, and in employing thousands of Valley men on the two dam construction jobs—at Norris near Knoxville and at Wheeler near Muscle Shoals.

2. TVA's prophets are soft-pedaling the Laboratory talk. Here it is easier to sell the idea of a "broader life" than in the Valley corn fields.

FANCY NOTIONS

In the early days, Director A. E. Morgan and his staff of college trained, energetic men got themselves labeled as "dam-yankies with fancy notions."

The amazing thing is that the epithet has disappeared, though still in the minds of some. They have not evaporated in the face of the pressing need of finishing a big engineering job. In fact, the dam is going on here is social. It may have come out of a textbook on sociology, but it has come out. It is a going concern.

TVA crusaders get in their best cracks in the brand-new town of Norris, two miles from the dam, where the workers live. Here it is easier to sell the idea of a "broader life" than in the Valley corn fields.

Take the case of Art Lipscomb, who operates a "bulldozer" on the morning shift. For five and a half hours he and his machine scrape stone into handy

A Book a Day

A Tough Rule—But

His Land Was Happy

BY BRUCE CATTON

Last year a number of us got all excited over a book called "The Journey of the Flame," by Antonio de Fierro Blanco. It was an unusual book filled with salty wit and romanticism. We wanted to see more of the same.

Now this author has given us another—"Rico, Bandit and Dictator"—and it is just as much worth reading as the first one was.

This one is a novel about a Latin-American dictator, Rico, who was born in a jungle village, became a bandit at 16, made himself ruler of his country by the time he was 20, ruled despotically for 20 years, and then quietly vanished from the face of the earth—presumably to enjoy his declining years in peace in Europe, with an English mistress and the \$50,000,000 or so he had salted away during his reign.

But in addition to being a novel, it is a very sharp satire on modern government, a modern cynosure and human frailties in general. Rico puts down crime, for instance, by ordering that when a criminal trial results in an acquittal the lawyers on both sides shall be shot. He permits freedom of the press, but silences criticism by abolishing all advertising and confiscating the estates of editors who displease him.

He orders all army officers to wear uniforms of private soldiers; if any regiment fails to recognize its officers in such dress, the officers are automatically convicted of neglect of duty, and are executed. As a result of his iron-handed rule, his land is free from crime, dissension, revolt and high taxes—and everybody is happy.

It all makes a pungent and entertaining book. Published by Houghton-Mifflin, it retails at \$2.

plies for the big jaw of the electric shovel. Quitting at 12, he rides to Norris, takes a shower, bathes, signs on, fresh clothes in his dormitory room that is equipped with an electric cool-air vent, and strolls over to the cafeteria.

The chestnut is a Chinese blight-immune variety which if grown successfully in the Tennessee Valley will not only restore a denuded and eroded area but may restore the chestnut tree to the whole country.

But it will be years before either makes a dent on the common sense of the TVA.

NATIVE INDUSTRY

Or, take the matter of split shingles. TVA, building the town of Norris, said to the architects: Why can't we use the old fashioned hand-split shingles—native materials, native labor? The architects said they could not be procured in large enough quantities. But TVA tried. They advertised for hand-split shingles. They got offers for more than four million.

RESULT NUMBER ONE—Norris homes have split-shingle siding.

Result Number Two—A native industry has been revived which TVA plans to establish through the use of money under cooperative management.

The zeal of TVA workers "building a new order" is contagious. They live for their work. Largely a group of college men—from Director A. E. Morgan's Antioch or H. A. Morgan's University of Tennessee, or from Brown or Swarthmore or Yale—they work overtime at a job of building a new order which to most of them is a bigger job than building the big dams at Norris and at Wheeler.

For the most part the valley is with them. To ride along the roads in a car with a TVA license is to be greeted with friendly gestures on every hand. And yet there is Manny Miller.

When Miller heard about the TVA program to move people out of the reservoir area and let them to a better life elsewhere, he got his kind of a letter and wrote a letter to the Brazilian embassy in Washington asking for land in Brazil in which they could settle, declaring: "We're through with this country, where you can't be free no more."

Still another way of seeing New York is to follow the method of the majority of Americans who toured Paris in boom times, and stayed in the Hotel de Ville, the most exotic night clubs, and patronized the luxury shops.

Again you will need no special directions to see the city. Any one can tell you where the Waldorf, the Pierre, the Delmonico's, the Ritz, the Plaza, the St. Regis and the Savoy are. The art of a walk through 57th street from Madison to 6th avenues will lead you past the expensive specialty shops. If you see the Casino de France, the Cotton Club, the El Comodoro, and the Paradise Cafes, or Billy Rose's Music hall, you have done the butter-and-egg route of night clubs.

Taking in Manhattan's Many Villages

A third sight-seeing road through New York is by way of the villages. To me, this is the most interesting, and in a brief time gives you a fair knowledge of the entire city.

The principal villages, once separate but now a part of New York, are the Battery Park section, which includes Wall street and lower Broadway; the Ghetto that runs the length of the lower East Side, Chinatown at the start of the Bowery, Greenwich Village on the lower West Side, Gramercy park, midway between Chelsea and St. Marks in the heart of Chelsea, which includes the French and a portion of the Spanish settlement and comes just above Greenwich Village. Then there is Murray Hill, with the Empire State Building at 34th street and Fifth avenue as a southwest boundary line. Park avenue, Times Square Town, Yorkville that includes the East 60's where President Roosevelt's New York home is, and the beer gardens of East 86th street. Hell's Kitchen in the far West 50's. Bloomingdale, that takes in Columbia university, Harlem with the Cotton club for the hot spot, and Camdensville at the upper end of Manhattan Island.

To-morrow: Manhattan . . . an omelet of villages.

Readers desiring additional information regarding their horoscopes are invited to communicate with Octavine in care of The Democrat. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

RABBIT BONE PUNCTURED TIRE

Boise, Idaho (UP).—Idaho's rabbits are tough and can dig gloriously. J. W. Corcoran ran over one. A piece of bone pierced a tire and left him stranded, without a spare, jack or patching materials. 10 miles from home on a lonely road.

Regarded as the tiniest twin because she weighed only one pound one of two girls born recently to Mrs. M. Pryne of Hackney, England, has died.

Questions And Answers

The Democrat's Washington Information Bureau

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THE EDITOR

Q. Who were the pitchers in the mid-season inter-league baseball game at Chicago, July 6?

A. Gomez, Crowder and Grove pitched for the American League and Hallahan, Warlick and Hubbs for the National League. Gomez is credited with winning the game, and the losing pitcher was Hallahan.

Q. Which is the only New England state that does not touch Massachusetts?

A. Maine.

Q. What women's pictures have appeared on United States postage stamps?

A. Martha Washington, Pocahontas, and Queen Isabella.

Q. Is there a suffix corresponding to "Junior" that is used for a girl who has the exact name of her mother?

A. No.

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